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SEAWAY CORP-RKRAFT  
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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EWWT, CA, EGEN

SUBJECT: ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY TOLL NEGOTIATIONS

1. SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ADMINISTRATOR OBERLIN AND SEAWAY AUTHORITY PRESIDENT NORMAN DEAU HAVE AGREED TO MEET AT CHICAGO JUNE 17 TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE COST OF OPERATING THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE A MEETING AT THE LABERGE LEVEL BEFORE THAT TO DISCUSS REMAINING OUTSTANDING ISSUES. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND SUGGEST THAT SUCH A MEETING BE SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF JUNE 6 IN OTTAWA. WE WOULD PREFER JUNE 9 BUT OTHER DATES WOULD ALSO BE POSSIBLE.

2. MEETING COULD USEFULLY COVER FOLLOWING SUBJECTS. DISCUSSION OF RESPONSES RECEIVED TO OUR FEDERAL REGISTER  
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NOTICE ON A POSSIBLE TOLL INCREASE; CANADIAN DISCUSSION OF ANY IDEAS IT MAY HAVE FOR DEALING WITH THE EFFECT OF A TOLL INCREASE ON HARDSHIP COMMODITIES, INCLUDING CORN AND SOY-BEANS; (THE CANADIANS UNDERTOOK TO LOOK AT THIS QUESTION AT THE END OF OUR LAST MEETING IN WASHINGTON.) ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF ASSESSING ANY TOLL INCREASE, FOR EXAMPLE, PUTTING A LARGER SHARE OF THE INCREASE ON THE INTERNATIONAL SECTION

AND A SMALLER SHARE ON THE WELLAND CANAL. WOULD APPRECIATE CANADIAN COMMENTS ON THIS PROPOSED AGENDA.

3. AFTER OBERLIN AND NORMANDEAU HAVE MET ON JUNE 17, WE WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT A TOWE/KATZ MEETING WOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR OTTAWA THE WEEK OF JUNE 20. VANCE

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